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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Limit on SEZs in each State**

1498. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a limit has been fixed for setting up of Special Economic Zones in every State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the norms would be revised;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

#### **Implementation of SAFTA**

1499. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the current status of implementation of South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) by each member country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): The Agreement on South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) has come in to force from 1st January, 2006 and in view of the different budget periods, the Member States, except Nepal, had decided to implement its phased Tariff Liberalization Programme (TLP) with effect from 1st July 2006, and Nepal from 1st August 2006 with the